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## I AM NAVY MEDICINE

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A few words from a Navy Medicine doctor:

Every day in Navy Medicine we enable readiness, wellness, and health care to Sailors, Marines, their families, and others worldwide.

As a Navy Medical Officer and surgeon, I have traveled from my hometown of Brooklyn, New York to every corner of the world. After graduating from medical school, I joined the Navy and ever since, my career has been full of travel, opportunity, scope, and great impact.

My two years spent as Ship's Surgeon with my shipmates on the USS Carl Vinson taught me invaluable lessons about teamwork.

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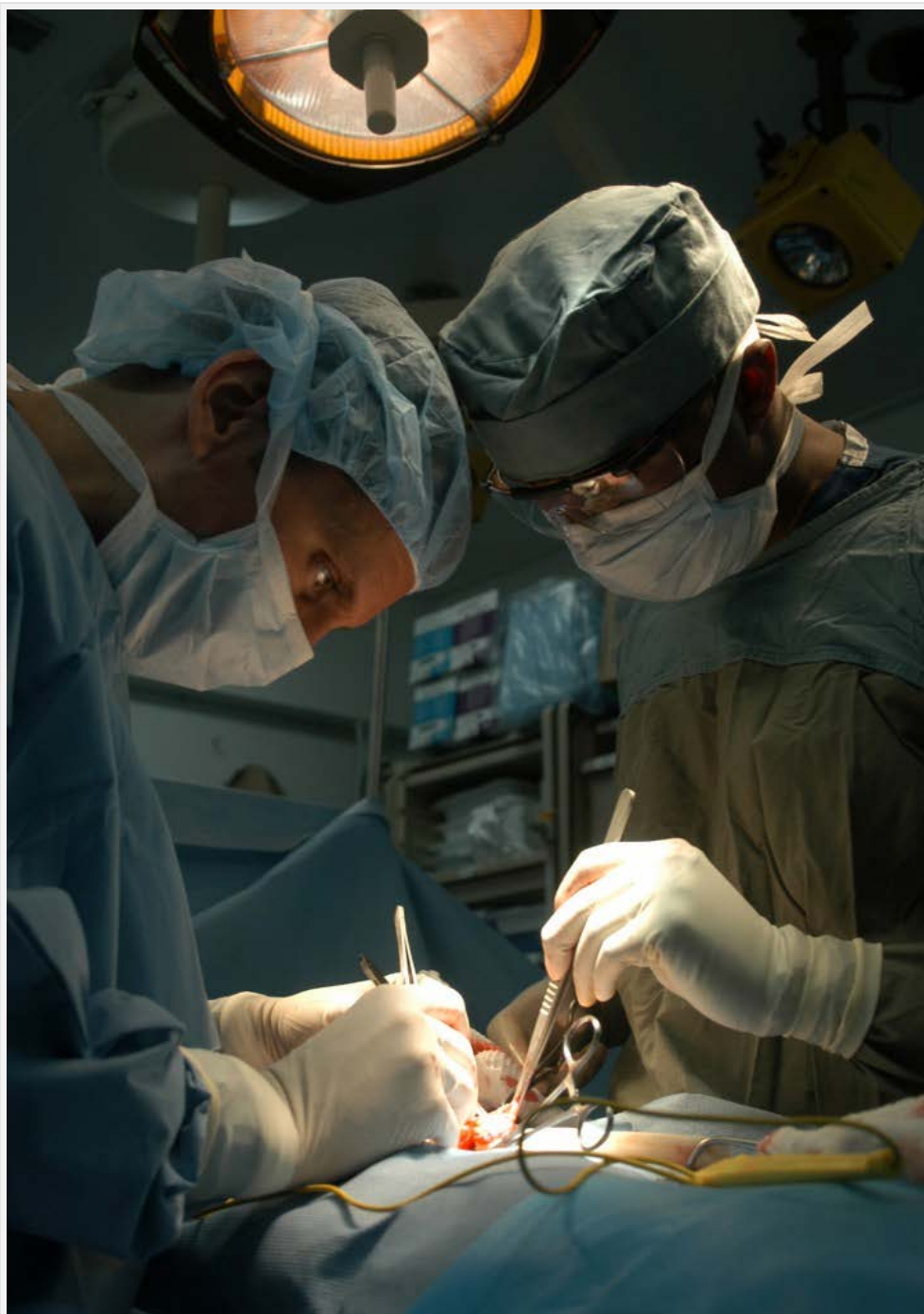
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Advanced degrees in policy and business augmented my medical training, and during deployment with Bravo Surgical Company and II MEF in the Helmand and Nimroz desert provinces of Afghanistan, our medical team made the impossible possible every day as we cared for critically injured Marines in a tent. Against all odds, we worked hard to return our wounded warriors back home to their families and loved ones.

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All of these things also helped ensure my success on a recent mission to Beirut, Lebanon in support of the Defense Institute for Medical Operations (DIMO). The primary goal of DIMO is to be the Department of Defense's focal point for exportable health care training and world-class, regionally focused health care education. Our joint DIMO team included a talented cadre of two Air Force officers, one Army officer, and me, proudly representing the Navy. Our team engaged in an active exchange of knowledge and understanding, and contributed to the success fostered from past DIMO missions. Collectively, the cooperative DIMO training sessions provide an improved ability to respond to national and regional medical emergencies and ultimately promote a safer and more stable Middle East Region.



Navy Medicine always answers the call— from kinetic operations to global engagement.

My name is Hassan Tetteh and I Am Navy Medicine.



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